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Gang Member Convicted of Attempted Murder, Other Crimes

An Upland man who entered rival gang territory that resulted in a shooting was convicted today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Charles Chaiyarachta of the Hardcore Gang Division said Jason Stanley Sanchez, 36, was found guilty in a bench trial of attempted murder, assault with a firearm, and being an accessory after the fact.

Additionally, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge George Genesta found true gun and gang allegations.

Sanchez is scheduled to be sentenced August 8 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Pomona in Department T. He is facing a minimum sentence of 40 years to life in state prison.

The prosecutor said on March 29, 2013, Sanchez and two other gang members drove through enemy gang territory in Pomona. While there, a confrontation ensued between Sanchez, his cohorts and the rival gang members.

At some point, a gun was discharged and a woman who was with the rival gang members was struck by the gunfire. Following the shooting, Sanchez fled the area. The alleged gunman remains at large.

Authorities began an investigation and discovered surveillance video that linked Sanchez to the shooting. Two weeks later, he was arrested and charged in connection with the assault.

The case was investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.